Implementing Sport 2030 – expansion of the Hall of Fame mentoring program

The Government will expand the Sport Australia Hall of Fame mentoring program that partners Australia’s sporting heroes – Hall of Fame members – with young Australians who aspire to represent their country. Each year, 30 scholarships of $5,000 each will be awarded to athletes under the age of 21 who are competing at a minimum of international junior level in their chosen sport. This is an additional 25 scholarships per year. Scholarship benefits include one-on-one mentoring from an inducted Hall of Fame member for 14 months, in addition to a one-off $5,000 sporting grant.

Why is this important?

Mentoring helps pre-elite junior athletes learn the values of community engagement and education, and builds their understanding of being a role model later in their own careers.

Scholarships are a proven way of helping our young athletes to reach their full potential. Twenty past scholarship recipients represented Australia at the 2016 Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games, 17 at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, five at the Winter 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Games and 15 at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Who will benefit?

Young Australian athletes will benefit from this support.

How much will this cost?

This will cost $2.5 million from 2019–20 to 2023–24.